



## **Downtown Center Business Improvement District**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**June 6, 2012**

#### **Board of Directors**

Eric Bender, Barbara Bundy, Marty Caverly, Sauli Danpour, Kathy Faulk, Joseph Flueckiger, Steve Hathaway, Robert Hanasab, Anne Peaks, Peklar Pilavjian, Paul Rutter, Carol Schatz, Patrick Spillane, Daniel B. Swartz, Cari Wolk

#### **Absent**

Jim Bonham, Robert Cushman, Frank Frallicciardi, Peggy Moretti, Peter Zen

#### **Staff**

Jeff Chodorow, Gennia Cui, Randall Ely, Jacob Holloway, Lena Mulhall, Ken Nakano, Anh Nguyen, Herman Pang, Anna Wilder

#### **Guests:**

Councilmember Jose Huizar, Jessica Wethington McLean, Tracy Fisher, LAPD; Sam Yen, LAPD

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Faulk called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. with a Quorum.

**PROPERTY OWNER OR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

#### **PRESENTATION – ANNE PEAKS**

Anne Peaks, who is a founding member of DCBID, is retiring. Carol presented Anne with a gift memorializing her many years of service.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2012. Swartz made a motion to approve the Minutes. Spillane seconded and motion was approved.

#### **FINANCE**

Chodorow Reported:

The Finance Committee met last week to review March and April Financial Statements. The biggest issue for both months is the revenues are coming in a little slower than budgeted due to timing differences, but expect to receive full revenues. April year-to-date, revenues were under budget by \$340K and May we made up \$100K in timing differences. Expenses year-to-date were favorable by \$200K due to timing differences in Marketing and Economic Development.

The Auditor was present at Finance Committee meeting to discuss the findings of the Audit. The Auditor confirmed that all was in order and a significant improvement from prior year's audit. The Auditor recommended that all Board of Director members sign a conflict of interest statement. This statement will be available at next Board meeting. The Committee approved the Audited Financial Statements for 2011 and asked for Board approval. Swartz raised a motion to approve Audited Financial Statements for 2011, Spillane seconded and motion was approved.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Carol Reported:

Reminder that the Public hearing for the BID Renewal final vote at Council is on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and asked all Board members to show support.

A BID consultant got Assemblymember Hernandez to introduce a Bill (AB2265) that would make it impossible for any person who was involved in setting up the BID, renewing the BID, to serve as the Executive Director.

## **SPECIAL GUEST, COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR**

Councilmember Huizar, spoke to the Board on his current plans with Bringing Back Broadway Initiative. It's a 10 year plan and currently in the 4<sup>th</sup> year. An important component of this initiative is the LA Streetcar Project. Huizar predicts the LA Street Car will be an overwhelming success and is looking forward to breaking ground in 2014.

Huizar also spoke about Skid Row and the injunction currently imposed. He is concerned that the efforts put forth in the past years by CCA will fall to the waste-side given the new court case ruling and injunction. Huizar and his team are dedicated to taking the injunction to the limit and will be more aggressive in their efforts to clean up where needed.

Carol showed Huizar a photo of graffiti advising that DCBID personnel had painted it out as part of their clean-up efforts. Carol explained that DCBID is now getting blogged that DCBID painted out a mural. Carol further explained that the photo clearly shows that it is graffiti and not a mural. Huizar will have a representative come to next Board meeting and explain/discuss Mural Ordinance before it is voted in. Carol stated need to look at revising Ordinance to determine what defines a mural. A question and answer session followed.

## **OPERATIONS**

Due to time constraints, the operations report was not presented to the Board.

## **MARKETING REPORT**

Due to time constraints, the marketing report was not presented to the Board.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Due to time constraints, the economic development report was not presented to the Board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Executive Committee went into executive session to discuss pending litigation involving the DCBID.